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1. Roberto Gutierrez Silva, a Nicaraguan lawyer in Costa Rica who has cooperated financially with many Nicaraguan revolutionaries, received a farewell visit from Colonel Manuel Gomez Flores, known to be the most serious and dedicated of the revolutionary group, during the week prior to 1 June 1949. Gomez Flores stated in connection with his direction of the Costa Rican phase of an invasion of Nicaragua that a dispersal of men and arms at strategic points was complete and that an invasion of Nicaragua would begin prior to 10 June 1949. Invasion troops would be principally airborne, but one ground force would be under the command of Gomez Flores.
2. Gomez Flores implied that various arrangements had been made with unidentified Guardia personnel and with elements attached to President Victor Roman y Reyes of Nicaragua to overthrow General Somoza. The following four boats located in Costa Rica were also mentioned in connection with the invasion: the Tony Ghiloni, which is the property of Rosendo Arguello, Jr.; the Salmon K; and two unidentified small launches.
3. General Emiliano Chamorro, the former Nicaraguan Conservative leader now turned revolutionary, privately told Gutierrez Silva that his publicly announced intentions to return to Nicaragua from Guatemala were meant as a decoy to cover his real plans.
4. Nicaraguan revolutionaries General Miguel Ramirez and Major Jorge Rivas Montes left Costa Rica on 1 June 1949 by air for an unknown destination. All known revolutionaries capable of field action, including General Carlos Pasos, have also left San Jose.
5. The transport of arms from Costa Rica to Guatemala continued again on 1 June following two weeks' repairs on the Costa Rican B-18 aircraft used in this activity. The pilot of this plane has been identified as Alejandro Carrillo.
6. Juan Bosch, Dominican revolutionary now exiled in Habana, Cuba, used a B-18 for his return trip to Guatemala on 26 May from Costa Rica, prior to his flight back to Habana on 27 May.* This plane was piloted by a Mexican named Raul Velasco.**

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██████████ Comment. Attempts to confirm reports of a concentration of men at Cinchona, Altamira, Baranca and points north, as well as reports of movement of arms at night, have met without success. It appears certain that President Figueres of Costa Rica has full knowledge of these revolutionary plans; but his future cooperation and the extent to which he would permit Costa Rica to be involved is not known.

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